

Abstract

A system and method are disclosed for remotely printing documents from computer applications that generate printable data. In one form, printable data is transferred from a local computer to a remote computer or printer in a data format native to the application. In another form, a relay server provides a store-and-forward buffer between the local computer and remote computer or printer. In another form, a computer-readable medium is encoded with a program to facilitate the transfer of remote print jobs. In still another form, a local computer maintains a list of local and remote printers that can be used. When a print request is received, the system automatically traverses the list to find the first available printer and sends the print job to it.

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